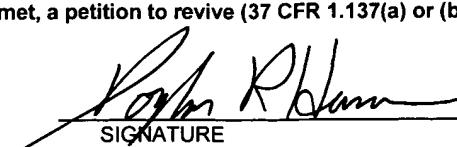


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/DE2003/003942</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>27 November 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>16 December 2002</b>	
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>PRINTING BLANKET ASSEMBLY FOR A BLANKET CYLINDER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING BLANKET ASSEMBLY</b>			
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ATTACHMENT

- A) Six (6) sheets of Formal Patent Drawings
- B) WO 2004/054808 A1 published July 2004
- C) Request by KBA dated December 10, 2003, with translation
- D) International Search Report dated June 1, 2004, with translation
- E) Chapter II Demand filed June 28, 2004
- F) Request by KBA filed June 28, 2004, with translation
- G) Letter from KBA with Article 19 claims, dated June 28, 2004, with translation
- H) Written Notification dated November 16, 2004, with translation
- I) Notification regarding Informal Discussion with Applicant, dated November 23, 2004, with translation
- J) Notification regarding Informal Discussion with Applicant, dated December 15, 2004, with translation
- K) Response by KBA filed December 15, 2004, with translation
- L) IPER dated March 10, 2005, with translation

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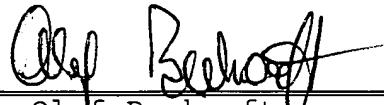
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